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The Associated Students of The University of Montana
Resolution Regarding Dance Classes
March 26, 2014
SB75-13/14

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Sponsored by: Asa Hohman, ASUM President; Ryan Hazen, ASUM Senator;

Whereas, the University of Montana (UM) administration has chosen to discontinue off-campus dance classes;

Whereas, said dance classes have been offered for credit and at a significantly discounted price through Martha Jane's Uptown Dance;

Whereas, the University does not pay for the instructor or venue for these classes;

Whereas, these dance classes have been offered to UM students for the past 22 years and have included country swing, jitterbug, salsa, lindy hop, and ballroom dance;

Whereas, the dance classes currently being taught through Martha Jane's Uptown Dance have had consistently high enrollment;

Whereas, the University offers many off-campus classes with outside contracts and fees, including Cross Fit, yoga from a private studio, Pilates from a private studio, riding and horse care, skiing, trampoline and aerial acrobatics, and American Kenpo martial arts;

Whereas, of the off-campus classes offered, Martha Jane's dance studio had the lowest fee;

Whereas, the dance classes have been taught by an adjudicated and certified instructor with 30 years of professional training who specializes in social and competitive dance;

Whereas, the Montana University System Common Course Number (CCN) Course Guide by Discipline has courses already numbered for Social Dance (150), Ballroom/Country Dance (154), Ballroom Dance (156), and Social Dance II (250);

Whereas, obtaining a CCN for a new dance class is a relatively easy process;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) requests that the University continue offering dance classes for credit through Martha Jane's Uptown Dance;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM requests that social dance classes be given an existing CCN or a new one to make it easier for students to register in them;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM requests that UM Dance Department work together to continue providing off-campus dance classes for students;

48 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Karen
49 Kaufmann, Head of the Dance Department.

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52 Passed by Committee: March 24, 2014

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54 Passed by ASUM Senate: March 26, 2014

55 Final Vote: *Unanimous Consent*

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60 Sean McQuillan,
Relations and Affairs Chair

Mariah Williams,
Chair of the Senate